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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

2. PRC HARVEST ESTIMATE (U)

OUR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE IN HONG KONG NOW ESTIMATES THAT THE PRC GRAIN HARVEST THIS YEAR MAY REACH 300 TO 306 MILLION TONS, AN INCREASE OF 4 TO 6 PERCENT OVER 1975. IN RECENT YEARS, GRAIN OUTPUT FIGURES KEPT BY HONG KONG, CIA AND USDA HAVE INCREASINGLY DIVERGED FROM EACH OTHER. BOTH USDA AND CIA, FOR EXAMPLE, ESTIMATE THAT THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S BUT USDA PLACES THIS AT 270 MILLION TONS WHILE CIA USES A FIGURE OF 260 MILLION TONS.

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3. HUGHES AIRCRAFT INTERESTED IN SELLING A SATELLITE TO THE PRC (C)

HUGHES AIRCRAFT SATELLITE DIVISION HAS MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRCLO TO PRESENT A PROPOSAL TO SELL A \$100 MILLION COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM TO THE PRC. SUCH

A SYSTEM--WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ONE OR MORE SATELLITES, ASSOCIATED GROUND EQUIPMENT AND REQUIRE A NASA LAUNCH TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT--IS ON THE MUNITIONS LIST. HUGHES IS AWARE THAT A LICENSE COULD NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT A CAREFUL USG REVIEW, BUT IS PREPARED TO ARGUE THAT THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE DE-CONTROLLED. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES PLAN TO CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY 12 FOR ADVICE BEFORE THEIR MEETING WITH PRCLO.

4. HUANG CHEN TO VISIT HOUSTON (LOU)

THE NCUSCT HAS ARRANGED FOR A 6-PERSON GROUP FROM PRCLO HEADED BY AMBASSADOR HUANG TO VISIT THREE COMPANIES IN HOUSTON (PULLMAN-KELLOGG, INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS, AND CAMERON IRON WORKS) DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3-8 AND TO TOUR THE PORT OF NEW ORLEANS. THE VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 BUT WAS MOVED UP AT AMBASSADOR HUANG'S REQUEST.

5. UPCOMING CHINA CONFERENCES (U)

BOTH THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRC AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS ARE PLANNING TO HOLD CONFERENCES IN RACINE, WISCONSIN WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS. THE CSC WILL SPONSOR A CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE IN THE PRC IN MID JANUARY WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES AND FOUNDATIONS. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE'S CONFERENCE CONCERNS US-PRC EXCHANGES AND WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 20-21. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE, UNLIKE CSC, INTENDS TO INVITE CU AND EA REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND.

6. INCIDENT OVER TWA TICKET ENVELOPES (LOU)

WE INFORMED TWA'S WASHINGTON OFFICE DECEMBER 28 OF THE RECENT INCIDENT IN PEKING IN WHICH PRC CUSTOMS OFFICIALS TOOK UMBRAGE OVER THE PRESENCE OF THE ROC FLAG AMONG THE FOREIGN FLAGS DISPLAYED ON THE TWA ENVELOPE. THE TWA REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT THE ENVELOPES WOULD BE REPRINTED TO REMOVE THE OFFENDING FLAG. WE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WERE NOT PROPOSING ANY PARTICULAR ACTION ON TWA'S PART BUT WERE SIMPLY INFORMING THEM OF THE PROBLEM.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

1. PRC DOMESTIC POT CONTINUES TO BUBBLE (C)

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